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Wild Flowers Being Replanted

Replanting of the once famous fields of wild flowers of Palos Verdes Estates is sought in a city-wide planting campaign sponsored by the Palos Verdes Woman's club, of which Mrs. Howard Towle is president. The program, originated by Richard Sampson, has been undertaken by the garden section of the club, of which Mrs. Charles McCullough is chairman, with Mrs. Donald Armstrong as director of wild flower planting. Group organizers made responsible for designated areas of the planting project include Mrs. Ripley Dorr, Ed Heizman, Howard Towle, Stanley Schmetzler, Mrs. Kenneth Kingman, William Snelling, Mrs. Robert Burns, Mrs. Grant Beckstrand, Mrs. Stuart Ripley, Mrs. Russell Smith, Mrs. E. B. Hall and others.

No Extra Sugar Ration, OPA Warns Consumers

Because of the uncertainties developed with recent changes in the sugar rationing branch of OPA, the Southern California office pointed out that the next sugar ration stamp for consumers would become due on January 1. No extra rations can be obtained between now and Jan. 1, OPA said. Stamp 51, as well as the canning stamps 9 and 10, will expire midnight, Dec. 31. Many consumers are writing the Los Angeles branch office asking for extra rations. These persons are under the impression that they may obtain extra sugar after they have used the currently valid stamps.

Backyard Orchard Pruning Advice Given By County

By Agricultural Extension Service, Los Angeles County
By this time, all leaves will be off apricots, peaches, plums, and other backyard fruit trees that normally shed their leaves. That means that the pruning season is here. It's hard to write about pruning. Words don't describe what your tree looks like. Neither do they describe or make a good picture of what it should look like after you are through pruning. But a few generalities can be made anyway. Fruit Wood The first thing to learn what fruit wood is and what it looks like. On peaches the twigs that grew this summer should now be carrying fruit buds in pairs with a leaf between them. Sometimes the fruit bud is single. The peach tree regularly bears its crop on wood that grew the previous season. Pruning, therefore, must be designed to produce a large number of new shoots all over the tree every year. On the apricot tree, as well as with plums and prunes, 80 percent or more of the fruit is produced on special short twigs called fruit spurs. These twigs have many fruit buds on them and the spurs develop on wood or twigs that are at least one year old. Of course, fruit spurs carry leaf buds as well as fruit buds, but you will recognize the spur as differing from a peach twig because of the many buds on it. Fruit spurs live to be five, 10, 15, or even 20 years old, on some varieties of trees. Naturally, to get a crop on trees which produce on fruit spurs the fruit spurs must be preserved. Preservation depends first on you—don't cut them all off, and, second, on you again—you must make it possible for these fruit spurs to have sunlight throughout the summer by keeping the top of the tree open. If there is no sunlight in the middle of the tree, all of the inside leaves will die, the fruit spurs will become weakened and die also. Fruit spurs can become too numerous, too large, and too crowded. If this happens, they will have to be thinned out by removing may be a fourth or a third of them. The farm advisor has a mimeographed circular on pruning backyard trees, which you can obtain by writing to 808 North Spring Street, Los Angeles 12. We will have more of this pruning story in next week's Victory garden issue.

Service In Far East Has Many Opportunities

The spotlight was turned on Japan and Korea by the U. S. Army Recruiting Service, which has completed a survey of conditions of occupation service overseas with the new United States Army in the Far East. It was pointed out by S/Sgt. E. M. Bryant of the local recruiting office at the Chamber of Commerce, after receiving word from the War Department that "The important duty of keeping peace in the Orient has been entrusted to famed battle-tested divisions of which three year enlistees are now being given an opportunity to become a part, following initial training in the United States." Sports, entertainment and travel opportunities have been highly developed in these areas, the survey shows. The work of occupation itself is interesting, educational and essential to maintenance of a just peace, and offers a splendid opportunity to the young man who wants to see distant lands and fill an important post in the new peacetime Army. Famed outfits from which the three year enlistees for overseas duty may choose from include such units as the First Cavalry Division and the 24th Infantry Division now serving in Japan; and the Sixth and Seventh Infantry Divisions in Korea. Openings now exist for clerks, stenographers, typists, machinists, truck drivers, plumbers, carpenters and specialists in a hundred other fields. Sgt. Bryant also stressed the fact that a special call has also been issued by Army Area Recruiting Headquarters for partially disabled veterans of World War II, wounded in combat, who have one of 103 MOS ratings.

Likes Torrance Industrial Map

Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce likes the Torrance city map and brochure recently published by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with the city government. A letter from James F. Bone, manager industrial department, Los Angeles chamber, asked for 500 copies to be forwarded on to a list of leading industrial executives in the United States who do not have plants in Los Angeles County "in order that they may be fully informed on the industrial opportunities of Torrance." "I want to compliment the Torrance Chamber of Commerce and you on the very fine map and brochure covering the industrial advantages of your city," Bone said. "The complete detail and the attractive manner in which you have presented the advantages of your city in the publication certainly speaks well for the industrial program of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce."

Lomita School Improvements Listed By Board

Six harbor area school projects to cost \$848,000 are included in the \$7,536,000 program presented to the board of education by Vierling Kersey, superintendent of schools, Roy Becker, board member, said this week. Heading the list is the \$610,000 junior college to be built at Wilmington, said Becker. Other include: a new \$115,000 classroom building at Hawaiian ave., Wilmington, a \$100,000 classroom building at Orange st. school, Lomita; asphalt yard surfacing to cost \$8,000 at San Pedro high school, \$12,000 at Dana junior high school, and \$3,000 at Narbonne high school, Lomita. "All of these projects will get under way as soon as material is available," said Becker. "The architect is working on plans for the Harbor Technical junior college." Funds for the work are available through sale of \$13,500,000 worth of bonds of the \$75,000,000 issue authorized at the June 4 election.

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